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"STRANGE MEDLEY."

COUNSEL ON "SUSPICIONS"
AS EVIDENCE.
BANK CASE DEFENCE.

Mr. C. Bulmer Johnson, partner in the firm of Hastings, Denny and Bowley, gave evidence this morning as to the custody of the book "Emma" which, in the conduct of a civil case brought against the Wing On Bank by one of the defendants in the alleged forgery case, had been in his safe keeping.

He was cross-examined by Mr. Zeitlyn as to the circumstances under which the label off the book "Emma" had come off and as to delays in providing data for the answers to certain interrogatories in connection with the civil action.

In reply to Mr. Zeitlyn, witness said that the label did not come off shortly after photographs of the exhibit were taken by Mr. Dovey, the Government analyst, without which the Wing On Company were unwilling to answer the interrogatories.

Answering further questions, Mr. Bulmer Johnson said that the book and label were last intact when they were put into his safe one day.

Mr. Zeitlyn: "Do you mean that they were intact when you put the exhibit in and were apart when next the safe was opened?" Mr. Bulmer Johnson explained that the exhibit was in an envelope in the safe and in taking the exhibit from the envelope after it was taken from the safe on the next occasion, the two became detached.

Further questioned, witness stated that the envelope which contained "Emma" was one of the Wing On Bank's own envelopes. He could not say whether the characters on it were the same as on the cover of the exhibit. He could not read Chinese characters. He did not think he would be able to find the envelope. He did not know what had become of it.

Question of Delay.
Mr. Zeitlyn asked witness questions relating to the delay which had occurred in the preparation of exhibits. They had actually been prepared in June, 1925, and it was not until September, 1925 that answers were given to questions in respect of the civil action brought against the Wing On Bank. The interrogatories in respect of which the photographs were made were put to witness in December, 1924.

Mr. Zeitlyn: And your firm shortly after receipt of them wrote to Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, who at that time had the custody of the exhibit, "Nina," asking for that book for the purpose of taking the photographs which were actually not prepared until June of the following year. In the meantime, you did nothing? Witness: I gave instructions to counsel on March 31 to answer the interrogatories.

Mr. Zeitlyn: And on January 21, 1925 you had received a letter from the then plaintiff, now first defendant's solicitors asking you for your reply. You did not reply to that.

Witness: Apparently not. Re-examined by Mr. Jenkin, witness said that the delay was due to the other side not pressing the case and to the advice of counsel.

Mr. Jenkin: They did not appear to be worrying about the matter. Witness: No. Mr. Jenkin: And neither did you. Witness: No.

"A Long Walk."
Mr. Hugh Jones gave evidence relating to a letter written by the first defendant when he contemplated leaving and appointing attorneys to look after the civil action which was then pending.

The curious phraseology of the letter was the subject of comment. The writer had stated that important affairs necessitated his going to Peking and Tientsin "for a walk."

This having closed the case for the prosecution, Mr. Alabaster, on behalf of the second prisoner, submitted that the second and successive counts should be struck out. There was no evidence, he said, that his client was in the Colony at the time of the alleged forgery and it was not until two years after May 8, 1927 that he came to the Colony for the first time so far as the prosecution was concerned. In addition there had been a witness in the box who had stated that one person only had made the withdrawals in question and that neither of the two defendants was that person.

WORLD CYCLISTS.

YOUNG ITALIAN ARRIVES HERE.
WAITS FOR COMPANION.

Stating that his journey was attempted for the love of sport and adventure, a young Italian, Ignino Gibelli, has arrived in Hongkong in the course of a world tour. Here has already toured America, Europe and North Africa, this taking him nearly five years. Gibelli is accompanied by another young Czechoslovakian, whom he is awaiting in Hongkong, the two having separated for a time at Singapore and been out of touch with each other since Hanoi. When they meet in Hongkong, it is their intention to cycle to Canton, continue their tour northwards and then visit Japan and Canada, then making their way homeward, the Italian to S. America, where his relatives are.

The two cyclists rely on hospitality and donations to carry them on their way and Gibelli has travelled for the greater part of the tour with less than a shilling in his pocket. They have obtained many autographs of distinguished persons in the course of their travels. Gibelli's book containing the signatures of King Hussein, Ibn Saud, King Faisal, and the Sheikh of Mohammedan. Whilst in Burma, Sir Harcourt Butler consented to sign his book and in Malaya, Sir Laurence Guillemard and Sir George Maxwell. His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong has also consented to autograph Gibelli's book.

When there had been a witness in the box who had stated that one person only had made the withdrawals in question and that neither of the two defendants was that person.

With regard to the other counts, the only evidence was that of a representative from the Industrial and Commercial Bank who had stated that the Bank's chop was on exhibit "Emma." As he did not deal with the matter he could not say more. There was a total hiatus of evidence, claimed Mr. Alabaster, and as regards the fourth count, concerned with exhibit "Nina," no attempt had been made to connect the second prisoner with that.

Mr. Alabaster remarked that he would rather deal with the case as a whole but he had raised the question as he thought he was justified.

His Lordship remarked that he thought there was a case to go to the jury although the worth of the evidence was one which would have to be carefully considered by the jury and in connection with which he would direct them on certain points.

The "Sole Quality."
Mr. Zeitlyn then addressed the jury. He would not at this stage, he said, indulge in anything like criticism directed to the case as presented for the prosecution. He would studiously refrain from commenting on the very strange medley which his learned friends called evidence which was presented before His Lordship and the jury.

He would say nothing, continued Mr. Zeitlyn, as to the inferences, conjectures and the suspicions which at the proper time in his submission to the jury he would ask them to say was the sole quality of the case presented for the prosecution.

Mr. Zeitlyn went on to detail the career of the first prisoner, who was 35 years of age, having lived 17 of those in Hongkong. He detailed the responsible positions he had held and described how defendant, having resigned together with others from a local bank, determined to start one of his own and went to Canton for the purpose of raising money.

Mr. Zeitlyn described how the first defendant, after raising the money, a complete account book of which was in solicitor's hands, had been raised and how that, having received payment of \$30,000 from a man named Mok in Hongkong he went to the Wing On Bank to deposit the money following it up with \$20,000 which was not needed for a personal loan. The very documents cited by the prosecution proved this, said Mr. Zeitlyn.

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DRUG TRAFFIC.

HEROIN HIDDEN AMONG CHALK.
FRENCHMAN CHARGED.

An ingenious hiding place for heroin was described by Mr. J. D. Lloyd, superintendent of imports and exports, at the Central Magistracy this morning when a French commercial traveller named Joseph Torre was charged with having a quantity of the drug in his possession without a licence. The exact quantity had not been ascertained, but it was stated that already 3 1/2 ounces had been found. Mr. Lloyd said that outwardly the bottles (about 20 of which had been seized) contained precipitated chalk and starch, but a roll of wax paper had been cleverly inserted in the middle of the bottle extending right up to the cork. The drug was found inside the cavity wrapped in cotton wool, about three grammes being placed inside each tube.

On the charge being explained through an interpreter, accused admitted bringing the drug. Hearing was fixed for Saturday at 11 a.m.

BAD BEHAVIOUR.

H.K. CLUB WATCHMAN ASSAULTED.
A DRUNKEN CHINESE.

A Chinese was charged at the Central Magistracy this morning with being drunk and disorderly and assaulting an Indian watchman at the Hongkong Club.

Sergeant Britain said he had called to attend by Captain Bloxham who was present at the Club and saw the accused kick at the complainant. It appeared that the man wanted to go inside the Club and the watchman stopped him. The watchman was then assaulted, and the accused also struck a European.

After the watchman's evidence, accused was found guilty. Fines of \$5 for drunkenness and \$25 for assault were imposed.

We are pleased to inform our readers that we have secured the services of Mr. Stan. Hill, the well-known local cartoonist, who will picture current events exclusively for the "China Mail" and "Sunday Herald."

The first of his local cartoons, dealing with events and personalities at "Ladies' Day" at the Yacht Club, will appear in this Saturday's "China Mail."

A THIEF'S TRICK.

A quantity of clothing valued at \$27 was lost by Mr. J. V. Dodd, interpreter at the Supreme Court, while he was away from the house yesterday afternoon.

An unknown Chinese went to Mrs. Dodd and asked for the clothing, stating that he had been sent by the master. This story was believed and the clothing was handed over. On Mr. Dodd's return it was found that he had not despatched anybody on such a mission.

A Chinese messenger in the employment of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., was bitten yesterday by a dog owned by Mr. N. E. H. Radford, of No. 196, The Peak. The animal was sent to Kennedy Town.

Mr. J. Th. de Vries, agent of the Holland China Trading Company in Canton, has been in charge of the Netherlands Consulate at Canton as acting Consul since April 19 last. Mr. G. Woudenberg, formerly acting Netherlands Consul in Canton, has rejoined the Holland China Trading Company in Hongkong.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, today was 2/2 7/16.

"EXPLOSIVES?"

SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST A CLERK.
BAIL REFUSED.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning, Mohamed Rajah Salleh, a clerk at the Ordnance Office was charged on two counts of feloniously having in his possession sulphide of arsenic and potassium chlorate on April 23 and 27, respectively. Det. Inspector T. Murphy asked a week's remand, stating that the second lot had not yet been analysed. He opposed bail. Mr. A. el Arculli appeared to defend and tendered a plea of not guilty on both counts. The question of bail being raised, His Worship remarked that they were very serious charges and he was not inclined to grant bail.

Hearing was fixed for Thursday morning.

As far as is known, the prosecution alleged that the chemicals are explosive ingredients, such as can be used for making bombs.

Much may hinge on the Analyst's report.

Another allegation which the police may endeavour to attempt to substantiate, is that the chemicals were for sale.

Further developments, it is anticipated, may lead to other charges being preferred.

FREE RIDES.

VOLUNTEERS ON SUNNING RAILWAY.
TROUBLE NOW OVER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Paukai, Kongsong, April 18.

Trains are now running again on the Sunning Railway, after a stoppage following a fight between railway guards and volunteers who insisted on free rides.

There are three trains a day against two before the stoppage. Conditions of the settlement are:—

(1) the commander of the Sunning city guards to apologise,

(2) compensation for the railway guards wounded in the fight,

(3) \$150 to be paid to the railway employees each day, for loss of wages during the period of enforced inactivity (ten days),

(4) the system of free rides for guards, when on duty, to be revised.

NO RAIN?

PROSPECTS UNTIL NOON TO-MORROW.

Indications point to favourable weather during the week-end, as no rain is mentioned in the forecast, until noon to-morrow, which reads:—N.E. winds, fresh; overcast.

For the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, the rainfall was 0.17 inch, bringing the total since January 1 to 24.62 inches, against an average of 11.87 inches.

The report issued at noon to-day states that pressure has decreased considerably from central Japan, to the Bonins. It has increased considerably over Tongking, moderately from Tourane to Shanghai and slightly over Formosa and the Philippines.

The northern depression is now central to the east of Kobe. The depression over Indo-China has filled up.

An anticyclone is central to the south of Shanghai.

CANTON'S COMMANDER.

Apparently, General Chang Kai-shek, the Kuomintang "soldier of the hour," is not to re-assume the position of garrison commander of Canton.

A report, dated Tuesday, says that General Chu Pei-teh (commanding the 3rd Army) may be concurrently Commander of the Garrison Forces (of the city).

MOSCOW STATE BALLET.

The members of the Moscow State Ballet will arrive at daylight to-morrow by the P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia." They will open their season here to-morrow night at the Queen's Theatre at 9.15 o'clock.

No notifiable diseases were reported yesterday to the Sanitary authorities.

PEAK FLATS.

RURAL LAND CO.'S FIRST MEETING.
RAIN DELAYS WORK.

Details of the scheme of modern flats at the Peak were reviewed to-day at the first ordinary annual meeting of the Rural Land Investment Co., Ltd., held at the company's office, Asiatic Building.

Mr. Fred Ellis presided. He was supported by Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, Mr. Leung Yan-po, Mr. F. M. Ellis (directors) and Mr. H. S. Hill (secretary).

Shareholders present were:—Miss L. M. Sousa, Messrs. J. A. S. Alvares, V. Benjamin, E. el Arculli and L. Young.

"Ready Next August."
Addressing the meeting, Mr. Fred Ellis said:—

The report and statement of accounts having been in your hands for over a week, I will, with your permission, adopt the usual course and take them as read.

These, as you will notice, cover the period up to December 31 last, and it gives me great pleasure to inform you that since then the work on the company's property at the Peak, situated on Rural Building Lot 78, has made very satisfactory progress and but for the stoppage due to rain, one-half of these residential flats would have been ready for occupation by next June. However, given good weather during the next three months, I venture to hope that they will be ready for tenants in August next when we might justifiably expect them to begin bringing us a revenue.

Details of Flats.
The flats in question are 24 in number, 12 of which consist of 5 rooms and 12 for 6 rooms each, with all modern conveniences and ample out-houses. We have already received more than 50 applications, 10 of which have been confirmed at rentals highly favourable to our company.

With reference to Rural Building Lot No. 2437, I have to inform you that owing to the great amount of granite found on the site, development work has been somewhat delayed. The original plans concerning this site did not provide for suitable approaches to the property and access thereto was rendered very difficult, but an amended plan has been prepared which provides for the construction of a roadway permitting access to the doorways of the projected houses.

Effect of Conditions.
Owing to the difficult financial conditions prevailing in the Colony, your directors have thought it undesirable to proceed further with the developments of Rural Building Lots 230 to 233 until such time as conditions show some sign of improvement.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and statement of accounts as presented, and after this has been seconded, I shall be glad to answer any questions from shareholders.

Mr. V. Benjamin seconded. No question was put and the motion was carried unanimously.

Other Business.
Other business passed by the meeting comprised:—

Re-election of Mr. Leung Yan-po and Mr. F. M. Ellis (retiring directors)—proposed by Mr. E. el Arculli, seconded by Mr. L. Young.

Election of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming as auditors for the current year, at a remuneration to be agreed upon—proposed by Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, seconded by Mr. Leung Yan-po.

LANDSLIDES.

The heavy rain overnight caused two landslides at Stubbs Road yesterday. Traffic was held up for some time in the larger of the two slides in which about 100 tons of earth fell into the road.

A retaining wall at the rear of No. 43, Pokfulam Road, collapsed and a large quantity of earth settled down the back lane. There were no people there at the time.

A report has been made to the police that some time between Tuesday evening and yesterday a sum of \$57 was stolen from the Boy Scouts' Headquarters, Lower Albert Road. The money was taken from a writing desk.

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V.D.C. "AT HOME."

LOCAL DIOCESE ACTIVITIES.
REVIEWED.

HELP FROM HOME.

Work of Six Different
Schools.

On Monday last, at the Helman May Institute, the President (the Bishop of Victoria) and committee of the Victoria Diocesan Association were "at home" to members and their friends.

About 200 people were present to hear something of the aim and work of the Association.

With this object in view a short programme had been drawn up. The heads of the various local schools and colleges had been asked to speak on their own particular work, whilst some delightful musical and other items were provided by their pupils.

Before starting on the actual programme, the chairman welcomed all those present and thanked those who had made the arrangements. He then went on to say that the purpose for which members of the V.D.A. and their friends had been invited was to try and foster the diocesan spirit and the sense of unity in common work. The heads of six of the schools connected with the diocese would speak on the work being done and it was to be hoped afterwards that people would go and see these schools and not only this, but that they would join the V.D.A.

Now 1,200 Strong.

The V.D.A. was an association which came into being six years ago. It was originated by friends at home and first started in London. After one year it was taken up in Hongkong and the Association is now about 1,200 strong.

The idea of the V.D.A. was firstly to band together all those interested in the work of the diocese and secondly, to stimulate interest, and it stood for a real link between the people here and at home.

Year by year a reunion of the V.D.A. members was held in London, and this year it was fixed for June 2 when a former Governor of Hongkong, (Sir Frederick Lugard) had promised to occupy the chair.

The Chairman mentioned the coming visit of the Bishop of London and that the V.D.A. hoped to arrange a reception in his honour.

Association's Objects.

After emphasizing the fact that the object of the V.D.A. was (1) to band together all those interested in the work in the diocese; (2) to circulate information and stimulate interest (and that this was greatly helped by the publishing of "The Outpost," the diocesan magazine, twice a year) the chairman went on to say that there was a third object, namely, prayer and gifts.

One of the ways the V.D.A. at home very definitely was helping on the work here was in the provision of a Diocesan Chaplain (the Rev. N. V. Haward).

The V.D.A. stood for a corporate spirit and the holding out of a helping hand. This was impossible without co-operation and to show how this could be put into effect the chairman read a letter telling of the plundering of a Chinese Gospel Hall and asking for help.

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Many women owe their recovery of health to having followed the advice of experienced friends and taken Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Almost always when a woman suffers these Pills will help her—in youth, middle-age, and during the trying time which comes in later life.

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There had been some talk of dividing this big diocese into three but in any case we must stand together and back up, and it was to be hoped that as a result of the gathering, that further means would be devised for making progress.

The Chairman concluded by saying that he trusted that by the providence of God and united effort this would come.

The Rev. W. H. Hewitt then spoke shortly on the work and aims of St. Stephen's College. He said that it was a college for Chinese boys, controlled by a local council. Except for a contribution from the C.M.S. it was entirely dependent on fees paid by the students.

The College was run on the lines of an English public school, apart from the fact that no Latin nor Greek was taught.

The scriptures were read every morning and every afternoon the doctrines of Confucius were studied.

Thus it was regarded on the lines of an English public school. Sir Frederick Lugard, at the school prize-giving, had suggested the founding of the University and at the opening of the University 50 per cent. of the undergraduates were from St. Stephen's College. Mr. Hewitt stated that it was a school for the sons of those Chinese gentlemen who wanted an education for their sons which would build up character on a Christian foundation.

An effort had been made to col-

In 1904 there were 180 Chinese and 60 other boys in the orphanage and the school in the last few years has increased by 30 per cent.

The boys having rapidly outnumbered the girls, the latter had been withdrawn in 1922 when 'Fairfax Girls' School was opened.

In 1921 there were 19 different nationalities represented in the school.

Mr. Featherstone then mentioned the good work done by the old boys, one of whom was on the Legislative Council. He also said that the Chinese language was compulsory in the school. Attendance at Church was voluntary.

He concluded by inviting all those present to come and see the new school and to help the orphanage and also said that about \$200,000 was wanted for the new building scheme in Kowloon.

Miss Sawyer then related that the Diocesan Girls' School was founded in the sixties.

It started with co-education, but as the boys soon swamped the girls, no more girls were taken. They were then sent to the Chinese Girls' School, called the Baxter School or Fairfax, in connection with the Female Education Society.

At the end of the nineteenth century, the Female Education Society came to an end and the work was taken over by the Church Missionary Society. Fairlee became too crowded to take all, and Europeans and children of mixed parentage, wishing an education, were asked to

be admitted. In the Sunday schools in Hongkong and abroad, three old boys had been ordained and four were preparing for ordination.

Miss Woo of St. Paul's Girls' College then told of the inauguration of the school under the auspices of St. Paul's Church Vestry. Mrs. Martin being the first principal, and now she (Miss Woo) having returned from Cheltenham College and Oxford, took over the school in 1918 with 50 pupils. Miss Woo then added that last year there were 425 names on the books.

The aim of the school was to give a higher education to the Chinese girls and to prepare them for the Chinese universities.

All the girls were enthusiastic members of the M.C.L. They also helped with a free day school for poor children and a free night school and were interested in the Home Missionary Society.

In 1923 an appeal was made to the Government for a site in order to erect a new building. The Government promised a grant of \$50,000 if \$200,000 could be raised. A committee of 30 prominent Chinese was formed and the money was immediately promised.

In the new building it is hoped to include a library, laboratory, a large hall and a swimming pool.

Miss Woo added that a warm welcome would be given to anyone interested.

The programme finished with a descriptive dance by the pupils of St. Paul's Girls' College—"Reaping the Flax."

The Bishop then thanked the entertainers and their instructors and concluded by saying that he hoped that many of those present would become members of the V.D.A.—Contributed.

DEFECTS OF SOCIETY.

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S
PLANS.

Tokyo, April 27.

Speaking at to-day's meeting of Prefectural Governors, Premier Wakatsuki after laying stress on the necessity of completing plans to remedy the defects of society created through progress and economic development, stated in part:—

"Taken from this point of view the Government have a mind to enforce a health insurance law which has long been contemplated, enact a labour trouble mediation law, and revise the peace police law."

"As for the enactment of a labour union law and of a tenant law, the Government are determined to put them into effect as soon as possible as they are very important policies."

With reference to the financial question, Premier Wakatsuki said that as a result of co-operative effort on the part of the Government and people, the condition of economic circles was about to take a turn for the better, but that the Government still considered it necessary to continue their policy of financial retrenchment as heretofore.

In conclusion, the Premier emphasised the necessity of maintaining existing naval strength.

Viscount Goto last night delivered a speech at the Aoyama Club here, advocating the renovation of political circles, in the presence of over 2,000 people.—"Eastern News Agency."

PROPERTY SALE.

At the China Auction Rooms yesterday afternoon, Mr. E. V. M. L. de Sousa, by order of the mortgagee, disposed of a leasehold property known as No. 12, Kau U Fong West.

The area of this property is 976 square feet and the annual Crown Rent is \$12.50.

The upset price was \$25,000, and there being no advance on this, Mr. Cheong Shiu became the purchaser at this figure.

There was to have been a sale of leasehold property by order of the mortgagee, at Mr. A. C. Rocha's auction room, the property in question being No. 52, Lyndhurst Terrace, but the property was withdrawn prior to the time announced for the sale.

H.R. HOTEL RESIDENTS.

April 28.
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AMUR MARU Tuesday, 11th May.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.
M.S. LA PLATA MARU Friday, 14th May.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
BORNEO MARU Tuesday, 4th May.
HEIMEI MARU Thursday, 20th May.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-EL-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOHABA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
CHICAGO MARU Wednesday, 12th May.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.
SANUKI MARU Tuesday, 25th May.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Singapore and Japan Ports.
ARIZONA MARU (From Shanghai), Thursday, 8th May.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.
HAGUE MARU (From Keelung), Monday, 10th May.
JAPAN PORTS.
CELEBS MARU Friday, 14th May.
ATLAS MARU Friday, 14th May.
KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY.
KAIJO MARU Sunday, 2nd May noon.
TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY.
KOTSU MARU Wednesday, 5th May 10 a.m.
TAKAO and KEELUNG.
GANGES MARU Sunday, 23rd May.
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were reported:—

Kutsang (3,643), Br. from

Yokohama, Amoy, J.M. & Co.

Haidia (1,144), Br. from Sai-

gon; Wo Fat Sing.

Haiching (1,287), Br. from

Foonchow, Swatow, Douglas Co.

Tikini (2,888), Dutch, from

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Dutch, from Amoy; J.C.J.L.

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S. S.	Tons	From HONGKONG (ABOUT)	Destination
"MAEDONIA"	11,089	1st May	Marseilles & London
"KASHGAR"	9,005	15th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp, & Hull
"PERIM"	7,446	30th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	30th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MIRZAPUR"	9,715	3rd June	Marseilles, London, Rangoon & Antwerp
"KHYBER"	9,214	13th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,902	13th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARMA"	9,188	13th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"RANGUNA"	10,533	13th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DELTA"	8,097	7th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MAEDONIA"	11,089	31st Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALIAN"	9,144	4th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	18th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	9,005	2nd Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp

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BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS.

Ship	Tons	From HONGKONG	Destination
"SANTHA"	7,704	2nd May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TALAMBIA"	8,018	6th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TALMA"	10,000	18th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"SHIRALA"	10,000	27th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

Ship	Tons	From HONGKONG	Destination
"ST. ALBANS"	4,600	4th May	Manila, Kolambagan, Thursday
"TANDA"	6,959	11th May	Manila, Townsville, Brisbane,
		1st June	Sydney and Melbourne.

*Onita, Sandakan, but calls at Kolambagan.

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The New Zealand Shipping Company's steamers for Southampton and
London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

Ship	Tons	From HONGKONG	Destination
"KHYBER"	9,214	2nd May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SHIRALA"	7,941	4th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Osaka
"TANDA"	6,959	11th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,941	14th May	Shanghai
"MANTUA"	10,902	14th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"PADUA"	9,807	30th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMA"	9,188	30th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"RANGUNA"	10,533	13th June	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	13th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,097	7th July	Shanghai only
"MAEDONIA"	11,089	31st July	Shanghai and Kobe
"KALIAN"	9,144	31st July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	18th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	2nd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,918	18th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The O.E.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia," Capt. L.D. Douglas, R.N.R.,

Commander, will leave here for

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Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and

Yokohama at noon to-morrow.

The P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia"

left Shanghai for this port on

April 27 at 10.30 p.m. and is due

here to-morrow at about 8 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Khyber" left

Singapore for this port on April 26

at 8 p.m. with the outward English

Mails, and is due here on May 1

at about 8 a.m.

The E. and A. s.s. "St. Albans"

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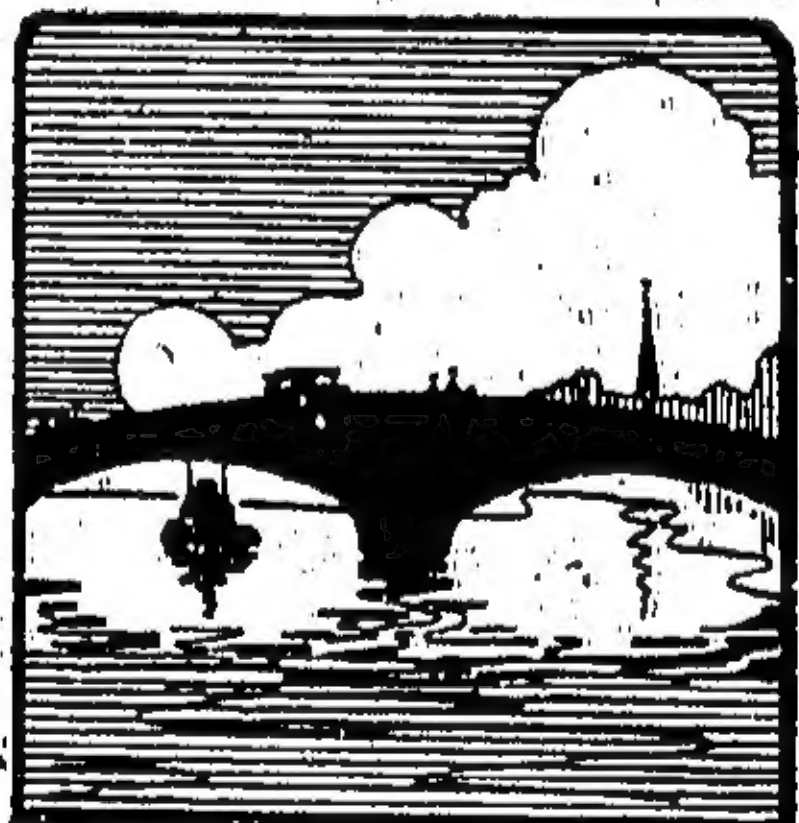
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ROUNDING UP ROUGHS.

It is still recalled with satisfaction that during the period following the adoption of drastic measures against agitators and intimidators in the Colony and the accompanying raids on quarters likely to harbour undesirable, crime was at a remarkably low ebb. The Police, with the co-operation of the East Surrey Regiment, did splendid work, and the criminal classes soon found that the place was too hot for them and that there was at least discretion, if not valour, in the adoption by them of "Safety First" as a motto.

With the gradual influx of Chinese from Canton since then it cannot be denied that crime has been increasing. There has been a series of city burglaries; armed robberies are more frequent than during the period of the raids on undesirable; and there is almost an epidemic of petty larceny, particularly in Kowloon. Scarcely a day passes without a case of petty theft—actual or attempted. Householders are uneasy, and with all due deference to the Police, whose valuable work in a Colony like Hongkong can never be under-rated, it has been suggested that the authorities ought once again to have recourse to drastic measures. A repetition of the raids on the known or suspected habitats of undesirable by the Police in conjunction with the Regiment, could not fail to be productive of some weeding out of bad characters, besides exercising a deterrent effect generally on those criminally inclined.

Raids of this nature, as may be seen from to-day's cables, have had an equally gratifying result in Calcutta, which has been in the throes of rioting between Moslems and Hindus, accompanied by other crimes of violence, for over a week. The authorities there have now strengthened the Police by the inclusion of one hundred sergeants drawn from two regiments, and they have declared war on the roughs. Moreover, the Police have been instructed to arrest all persons whose criminal records bring them within the Act dealing with roughs, many of whom have been captured. As a result, the situation is now quieter, and it only remains for the leaders of

the Moslem and Hindu communities to co-operate with the Police in counselling their compatriots to abstain from open violence.

Whether or not Calcutta has learned a lesson from Hongkong matters not. The fact remains that by the adoption of similar methods that were so successful in Hongkong—raids on roughs—the forces of law and order are gaining the upper hand in Calcutta.

What Calcutta is doing now, and what Hongkong has previously accomplished in the matter of weeding out undesirables, can surely be essayed once more here. In suggesting this, we are not for a moment blaming or criticising the Police in the slightest degree. We desire to co-operate with them to the fullest extent in their most difficult work. If our suggestion for a revival of raids on undesirable in the Colony is worth anything at all at this juncture we feel confident that it will be duly considered in the same spirit, that prompts it. Moreover, the community generally, which is naturally not "behind the scenes" in Police work, would certainly be none the worse for some fresh assurance that all that can humanly be done to minimise crime is being done. And, finally, these raids have undoubtedly a splendid moral effect that should not be lost sight of in considering measures for the prevention of crime.

CHINESE CHARITY.

The practical nature of the Chinese is evident. It is found in all walks of life and the conditions which life brings in its train. The poor and the rich are the same almost in their manner of doing things. Yet with this practical outlook there goes feeling and friendliness; a spirit or desire to help—on practical lines. Hongkong recently has had two notable examples of Chinese benevolence on practical lines, made all the more interesting by reason of the fact that Chinese ladies are the originators of them. Only recently these columns recorded the fact that a large procession of Chinese tenants paid just tribute to their landlady—a Chinese widow—who for forty years had made no attempt to increase the rents of her property. Whilst others have made most of the boom, this lady has not "bought up the opportunity." Here then is a model example; an example of citizenship in its highest form, and an act of charity or benevolence which gives hope for the world. Another Chinese lady—deceased—leaving a considerable sum of money, has decreed that a large proportion of it shall go to objects of a distinctly charitable nature—that it shall be used in ameliorative work amongst Chinese. Mencius has said that "Charity of heart is the noblest gift of God." It may be easy to give when the purse is full to overflowing. It is not easy to let the heart dictate. Possession often brings in its train a hardness and severity lacking in those whose possessions are small. Let us applaud those who do not inflict hardships upon the poor, and

those who, in the hour of their prosperity, think of orphans, those needing medicine, and those who, at odd times, are afflicted by typhoons, floods and famines.

"STRANGE MEDLEY."

(Continued from Page 1.)

Mr. Zetlyn also indicated that he was calling an expert witness to prove that the writing on the labels of exhibits was the same.

"Told It Was A Forgery."

At yesterday afternoon's hearing, His Lordship and counsel for the defence made strong comment on the part which had been played in the initial proceedings of the alleged forgery on the Wing On Bank by Chan Sam, who communicated to the police information with regard to what he alleges he was told by the two defendants.

Witness was to have acted as attorney for the first defendant whilst the latter was away in Peking but the first defendant eventually decided that if anything developed in regard to the civil case he and the second defendant were bringing against the Wing On Bank for the recovery of \$50,000, he would return from Peking.

Witness admitted having endeavoured to raise certain large sums of money for the carrying on of the case during the period in which it was thought that he might act as attorney for the first defendant. Before this, witness alleges that he was told by the second defendant that the money actually deposited with the Wing On Bank had been got back on a forged document and that the one on which they were basing their claim against the Bank was genuine.

Witness admitted having had a legal training and he was cross-examined as to why with his legal knowledge he had anything more to do with the case when he knew it was a forgery. Witness replied that he did not intend to go on with the case, but his endeavours to raise the sums of money mentioned were in connection with taking evidence. In the interests of the defendant he had to attend court.

Mr. Alabaster: Was it a desire to get 15 per cent. of the proceeds which made you endeavour to get the money?

Witness: No.

Mr. Alabaster:

Were you to get judgment for him in the court while he was absent?—Witness did not reply.

Your story is incredible. Was it part of Au's claim that he was proceeding on a forged book?—It was a genuine book.

His Lordship: Why should Lam have made this confession about a forged book to you? It was not necessary to the action. Why should he tell you that he had already got the money?—I don't know. I was to get 15 per cent. for my trouble.

His Lordship: Was it to be for the trouble to your conscience for acting in connection with a forged document?

Counsel: Were you to supply evidence and act as plaintiff during his absence?—No, I was to take all the witnesses.

What witnesses?—They said they had witnesses.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, appears with Mr. H. G. Sheldon for the prosecution (both instructed by Mr. Bulmer Johnson, Hastings, Denny and Bowley). Mr. C. G. Alabaster and Mr. Elsiey Zetlyn (instructed by Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton and Mr. Leo d'Almeida) appear for the respective prisoners.

QUEER CASE.

UP-COUNTRY MAGISTRATE
ON BAIL.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Pakkai, Kongmoon, April 21.
Under bail of \$150,000, Mr. Au Ling-hap (district magistrate of San Wu) has been released. He was detained by order of the Canton Government and to all intents and purposes, detectives still follow him about. It is stated that he will face trial on charges of alleged receipt of bribes.

Mr. Yim Pok-kau, magistrate of Tak Hing, has arrived on the gunboat "Kong Hoi" to relieve Mr. Au.

P. & O. DIVIDEND.

INTERIM OF TEN PER CENT.
DECLARED.

(Router's Service.)

London, April 27.
The Directors of the P. & O. Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., announce an interim dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum for the half year ended March 31.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

How do they know
The 19th Hole, golf who only Fan-
ling know.

When Rochdale, Town Council decided to form a municipal golf course a Councillor asked whether there would be a 19th hole.

The question was met with cries of "They only have 18 holes."

Councillor: Well, I want to know if we are to have a 19th.

Councillor: I cannot answer that question, as I have never heard of a 19th hole on a golf course.

When Rochdale Council have studied golf a little more closely they will all be aware that the "19th hole" is the clubhouse bar, to which players adjourn when the game has finished at the 18th.

Has Lord Dewar
Whose Dog? any serious rival in the manufacture of motoring epigrams—except Mr. Henry Ford?

A competition between the two, like the story-telling competition between the mayor and the Marquis of Aberdeen, ought certainly to add to the glory of nations.

But Lord Dewar's best contribution to motoring literature was not his epigram—though he told a very good one the other night when he said that nowadays men will have their motors if they have money enough to keep body and car together—but his dog story.

He used to tell of a tramp who was plodding along the Bath Road when a motor-car passing him ran over a lurcher dog. The motorist stopped and hailed the tramp.

"My poor fellow," he said, "I'm very sorry. Would ten shillings be any consolation?"

The tramp took the money, and as the motorist drove away he looked down at the unfortunate immobilized dog. "I wonder," he said, "whose dog it was?"

"Do the English
Fashion? or follow the
fashions?" asked

Mr. Justice McCardie, speaking of woman's dresses; and he seemed surprised to hear that the fashions are created by the Paris model houses, and that all the world follows.

Why do women everywhere submit thus to the dictates of the Parisian designer? It is a convention to which they have submitted, or is it because the French really have exceptional skill? They have the creative brains," said the witness in this case; and we believe that there is an overwhelming weight of evidence on his side. In skill of hand, eye for colour, the sense of design—in these the French craftsmen have proved themselves pre-eminent.

But this process of making up is only part of the skilled work which goes to the production of a

dress. There is also the making of the material and the dying of it and those can best be carried out when there is close co-operation between manufacturer, dyer and artist-dressmaker. There are none who can make woollen materials as the English can; none who can touch them in the fine mixtures of wool and artificial silk, or in artificial silk alone. We should like to be sure that our Bradford manufacturers' work as harmoniously with the Dyers' Association as the French manufacturers work with the French dyers. Even as it is, French critics have said that if the tastefully made British dresses which were displayed in the British section of the Paris Exhibition had been made of the incomparable materials which were displayed at Wembley, Parisian women would have gone mad to get them. But for some reason this happy combination of effort never took place, and another fine opportunity to show what British manufacturers can do was lost.

Those who are bated the art of public speaking, and feel their own limitations may be interested in the early trials of the great Greek Orator, Demosthenes, we are told, conquered stammering by putting little pebble stones in his mouth, and so pronounced with open mouth. He had a small and soft voice which he made louder by running up steep hills uttering even with full breath some orations or verses that he had written without book. The supply writer quoted tells us that Demosthenes had a great looking glass. Standing before it he would learn and exercise himself "to pronounce his orations." He found that Socrates in repeating verses by Euripides, gave them quite another grace "with such a pronunciation and comely gesture that Demosthenes thought them clean changed." He thereupon built a cellar underground and would daily go down into it to fashion his gesture and pronunciation and to exercise his voice.

If the P.W.D. becomes inundated with applications to build underground cellars, we shall know the reason.

Which "is the most dramatic figure of speech in modern English poetry?" A discussion on this point in a well-known literary club gave the palm to Sir William Watson, for his poem on Hood's "Song of the Shirt."

Sir William said of the poet Hood that with this theme "he stitched him such a royal robe, that Eastern kings are poorer habited." But an equal tribute might have been paid to his "Bridge of Sighs," on which, as Sir William said, Hood passed to immortality.

SIR R. STUBBS.

CORDIAL RECEPTION IN
JAMAICA.

WORK IN HARMONY.

(Router's Service.)

Kingston (Jamaica), April 28.
Sir Reginald Stubbs has arrived here and met with an enthusiastic reception.

His Excellency stated that he wished to work in harmony with all classes, and would do his best to promote the welfare of the island.

FOUL MURDER.

TWO AMERICAN SURVEYORS
KILLED.

ROBBERY THE MOTIVE.

(Router's American Service.)

Buenos Aires, April 28.
Two American citizens engaged in oil survey work have been found murdered near the Bolivian frontier. Robbery is believed to have been the motive for the crime.

EFFIGY BURNED.

MUSSOLINI IN BAD ODOUR
IN BELGIUM.

DENOUNCED IN SENATE.

(Router's Service.)

Brussels, April 28.
Referring in the Senate to the burning of the effigy of Signor Mussolini in the village of Lal Yuvette, M. Vandervelde, Foreign Minister, said: "I am glad that such outrageous behaviour toward the representatives of friendly countries could not be tolerated."

PARIS FLIGHT.

NON STOP JOURNEY FROM
NEW YORK.

FRENCH "ACE'S" HOPES.

(Router's American Service.)

New York, April 28.
Captain Fonck, the French "Ace," has arrived here and inspected the biplane that is being constructed for his proposed non-stop flight from New York to Paris.

He hopes to start at the end of June, and cover the course of 3,600 miles in 35 hours.

The aeroplane will have three engines each of 425 horse-power, and carry fuel sufficient for a 4,500-mile flight.

DANISH FLIGHT.

BOTVED TO MEET COMRADE
IN BANGKOK.

The "Bangkok Daily Mail" of April 10 stated—Lieutenant Botved and his mechanic, Mr. Olsen, left the Don Muang Aerodrome to-day at 7.45 a.m. for Hanol. On their way to Tokyo they will stop at Canton and Shanghai. Yesterday afternoon the plane circled over Bangkok for a trial trip. Lieut. Herschend, who met with misfortune near Rangoon was to leave for Bangkok to-day with his dismantled machine, and Lieut. Botved hopes to meet him here on his return from Japan, when the two will fly home together.

COAL CRISIS.

MEETINGS HELD AT FURIOUS PACE.

OPTIMISTIC NOTE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 28.

A kaleidoscopic succession of meetings of all parties concerned in the coal dispute all day long attained a furious pace toward midnight.

Mr. S. Baldwin, Prime Minister, in the course of a few late hours, conferred with the owners, the Trade Union Congress, and the miners twice. Each was attended by unprecedented activity and led to an optimistic feeling, a promising formula being hammered out.

It is confidently asserted that a national basis for the negotiations has been practically agreed to, though the national wage minimum is still open to question.

Subsidy Continuing.

London, Later.

The statements in the newspapers in regard to the coal negotiations are conflicting. Some are hopeful, and others are inclined to pessimism.

The discussions will continue to-day.

One report anticipates the issue of an order suspending the coal owners' new wage and condition proposals timed to operate at midnight on Friday, so that negotiations may be continued unhampered next week.

The State meanwhile is continuing the subsidy for a limited period.

German Comment.

Berlin, April 28.

Speaking at a meeting of German industrial and commercial representatives, Dr. Martin Luther, Chancellor, welcomed the British Coal Commission's rejection of the idea of continuing the coal subsidy, the serious effect of which on German coal could be gauged from the fact that the coal export from the Ruhr was 1,350,000 tons in March compared with 1,600,000 tons in July last year, whilst 377,000 men were employed in the Ruhr in March compared with 423,000 in July last, and mines were still closing down or were working short time.

RUBBER NEEDS.

HOW AMERICA COUNTERS CONTROL.

FEWER TYRES USED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, April 28.

Declaring that the users of motor cars have reduced the consumption of tyres by about 25 per cent. as the result of Mr. Hoover's campaign against the rubber monopoly, the Commerce Department, commenting on the revision of the British export restriction, has issued the following statement:

"The continued price-fixing by the British Colonial authorities simply means the continued conservation in the use of rubber by American consumers and more activity in the reclamation of used rubber and in securing our own sources of supply."

SOVIET PLANS.

COMMUNICATIONS IN MONGOLIA.

CHINESE OPPOSED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai, April 29.

A Japanese news agency reports that the Soviet Government is planning to control communications in Mongolia by constructing railways connecting Urumqi with the Siberian lines, and is already negotiating with the Mongolian Government thereon.

The agency adds that Chinese political circles are strongly opposing the project.

PERUVIAN POUND.

FALL DISTURBS COMMERCIAL COMMUNITY.

DEARER IMPORTS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Lima, April 28.

The President, the Minister of Finance, and the President of the Chamber of Commerce discussed the fall of the Peruvian pound.

Merchants are very disturbed at the advance in prices, particularly in imported articles.

DETRIMENTAL.

BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE AND SHANGHAI.

CHINESE ASPIRATIONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 29.

In the House of Commons the suggestion that three Chinese members should be appointed to the Municipal Council in Shanghai at an early date, and that the Government should consider the desirability of giving the Chinese representation in the International Settlement in proportion to their rate payments, was made by Mr. J. Barker (Labourite, Aberdare) in the form of a question.

Replying thereto, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said that he fully sympathized with the natural desire of the Chinese element to be represented on the Municipality. He hoped that as the Chinese gained experience in the arts of governing a great city, means would be found of satisfying their legitimate aspirations for a greater share in the administration of the Settlement; but a drastic change in the existing regime, as would be involved by the introduction of the principle of representation of nationalities on the Municipality in proportion to the rates they paid would render the election of an efficient Municipal Council extremely difficult and would be detrimental alike to the Chinese and foreign interests concerned.

Ratepayers' Decision.

The foreign ratepayers of the International Settlement at Shanghai adopted by an almost unanimous vote on April 14, a resolution brought forward by the Council which read:

"That in the opinion of the meeting the participation of Chinese residents in the government of the Settlement is desirable; and that the Council be hereby authorized and instructed to make forthwith representations to the powers concerned with a view to securing the addition of three Chinese Members at an early date."

Some days previous to the meeting notice was given of an amendment proposed by Mr. L. K. Kentwell, and seconded by Mr. Russell B. S. Chen:

"With a view to securing the addition of three Chinese members at an early date, there be substituted the words: 'With a view to hastening the election to the Council of Chinese members with due regard to the amount of taxes paid by the Chinese ratepayers of this Settlement.'"

This amendment, when put to the meeting, was lost by an overwhelming majority, only some six ratepayers out of about five hundred present, according to their support. The next step to be taken is prescribed by Art. XXVIII of the Shanghai Land Regulations, which reads:

"Hereafter should any corrections be requisite in these Regulations, or should it be necessary to determine on further rules, or should doubts arise as to the construction of or powers conferred thereby, the same must be consulted upon and settled by the Foreign Consuls and Local Chinese Authorities, subject to confirmation by the Foreign Representatives and Supreme Chinese Government at Peking."

EGYPT'S BAD LUCK.

ROCKEFELLER WITHDRAWS LIBERAL OFFER.

RESULT OF BICKERING.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, April 28.

Mr. J. D. Rockefeller's offer to Egypt has been withdrawn by his trustees.

[A New York cable of April 7 stated:—The Press publishes a statement by Mr. J. D. Rockefeller, Jun., that he has authorized his representative in Egypt to withdraw his offer to establish an Egyptian museum, if necessary, in order to end the controversy among Egyptians whether it is acceptable. Meanwhile, a revised offer, based on suggestions of Ziaar Pasha, is being forwarded to Egypt.]

MANILA FLIGHT.

SPANISH AIRMEN ARRIVE AT HANOL.

(Reuter's Service.)

Hanoi, April 28.

The Spanish airmen have arrived here.

GERMAN EX-RULERS.

PROPOSED CONFISCATION OF PROPERTY.

A BILL AND A PLEBISCITE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, April 28.

The Government Coalition parties have failed to effect a compromise regarding the confiscation of ex-Rulers' property the Reichstag therefore has opened a debate on a Socialist Communist Bill demanding the entire confiscation of such property without compensation.

The Bill has not the slightest chance of adoption.

After its rejection, probably tomorrow, the Bill will be submitted to a plebiscite of the people. Fifty per cent. must vote in its favour for the measure to become law.

Kaiser's Chances.

Nauen, March 19.

The German Social Democrats today introduced a Bill in the Reichstag demanding the complete confiscation of the property of the former reigning families, following the results of the preliminary referendum in which 12,000,000 persons took part. The Bill provides for the building of hospitals and cultural institutions with the money derived from the property thus confiscated.

It is now up to the nation to decide in a nation-wide plebiscite whether or not this Bill of the Social Democrats will go into effect. The Bill is certain to get the support of at least the Communists, who had already moved a similar Bill some time ago. But in the meantime a number of revelations regarding the enormous demands of the former reigning houses has greatly stirred up the feelings of the nation.



Ex-Kaiser Wilhelm.

The question is shall the 22 former ruling princes of Germany, including the former Kaiser, who reigned over as many States in the old Empire, be awarded 3,000,000,000 gold marks for the crown properties taken from them during the revolution? Or shall these princes be considered by the German Republic to be merely private citizens whose estates shall be liquidated in favour of the people?

The Centrists and Democrats until recently tried to avoid a popular contest for fear that it might be turned into a political struggle—an issue of Republic versus Monarchy. While not favouring the return of the Wilhelm blend of Divine Right, many Germans are convinced that whatever Germany is, or was, was the work of its Princes, and that they deserve gratitude. Yet the unity of the Socialist and Communist parties on the proposal of seizure of the former royal properties, the favourable reception of the proposal in the country and the stormy denunciation of the settlement suggested by the Prussian State, show that Wilhelm's chances of receiving his claimed compensation are not of the best.

Insatiably Greedy.

Berlin, Later.

Violent language was used in the Reichstag on the first reading of the Bill to confiscate ex-Rulers' property without compensation.

The Socialist Deputy, Herr Rosenfeld, amid constant interruptions from the Right, pleaded for the Bill on the ground that the ex-Princes were insatiably greedy and responsible for the German people's misfortunes.

The lies and terrorism German National leader, Count Westarp, declared that the agitation for the Bill was carried on with fantastic lies and terrorism.

Uproar on the Left whilst the Right Parties shouted:

"Keep quiet in the synagogue."

Why Kaiser Fled.

Count Westarp declared that the ex-Kaiser did not flee to Holland owing to fear but because he believed that Germany would thereby get better peace terms and because he believed President Wilson's promises.

When a Communist Deputy rose to speak for the Bill the National and People's Party members left the House in a protest.

PARTY PAWNS.

CHANCELLOR REPLIES TO HIS CRITICS.

A WINSTONIAN CLAIM.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 28.

In the House of Commons, unperturbed by the vehemence of the criticism, Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, replying to the Budget debate, serenely voiced his inability to remember any Budget that had incurred such weak, disunited, discursive, and contradictory opposition. He claimed that it more nearly virtually agreed with the Budget than any in the past quarter of a century. (Laughter and cheers.)

He welcomed the discussion of all interests on the betting tax. He would make the tax work as simply as possible.

As regards the stabilisation of Imperial Preferences, the Chancellor admitted that another Parliament would be able to repudiate the guarantee, but the fact that a positive step was taken would act as a practical deterrent; whereas he hoped that with the passage of time these matters of Imperial consolidation would move more and more to be pawns in Party controversy.

BELGIUM'S TRADE.

POSSIBLE RECOGNITION OF SOVIET.

STATEMENT IN SENATE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Brussels, April 28.

In the Senate the Foreign Minister, M. Vandervelde, said that one of his aims was to expand Belgium's foreign trade.

At present there was no question of the de jure recognition of the Soviet, but there might be commercial recognition if it was possible without causing hardship to those most vitally interested.

DRUSES REBELS.

SIX THOUSAND IN DEFENCE OF SUIDA.

FRENCH TRIUMPH.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, April 28.

It is reported from Beirut that eleven battalions participated in the capture of Saida on April 26, which was defended by 6,000 Druses.

The French losses are stated to have been 80 killed and 270 wounded. The rebel casualties were heavy.

WAR DEBTS.

AMERICA CLEARING HER CALENDAR.

MORE MONEY FROM EUROPE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, April 28.

The Senate by 54 votes to 17 has approved of the Czechoslovakian agreement for funding its debt at \$185,000,000, thereby clearing the Senate's calendar of war debt settlements.

Italian Agreement.

Washington, Later.

President Coolidge has signed the Italian debt agreement.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

April 28—Queen's Theatre:

"The Shooting of Dan McGraw."

April 29—St. Andrew's Theatre:

"The Unknown Purplis."

April 29—World Theatre:

"Lorna Doone."

April 30—Star Theatre: Dick

Norton presents, "The New Globe Trotters, 9.15 p.m."

April 29—St. Andrew's Young

Men's Club will stage "The Perfect Husband" as a finale to their winter social gatherings.

Apr. 30-May 1—Queen's Theatre:

The Moscow State Ballet present

"The Fire Bird," at 9.15 p.m.

May 1—Repulse Bay Hotel, May

Day Carnival.

May 2—Star Theatre, The New

Globe Trotters, Matinee, 5.30 p.m.

May 2-3—Queen's Theatre: The

Moscow Ballet, presents "The

Disaster of Dionysus" at 9.15 p.m.

May 7—Smoking Concert at

Volunteer Headquarters and distribution of prizes won at recent

Corps Rifle Meeting, 9.15 p.m.

Sports.

April 29—Filipino lawn tennis players' exhibition matches in H.K.C.C. ground cancelled owing to unit state of the ground.

April 29—Hongkong F.C. v. Kowloon F.C. H.K.F.C. ground, 5.15 p.m. South China v. Police, Sockimpoo "A" ground, 5.15 p.m.

May 1—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club, Happy Valley, 3 p.m.

May 1—Hongkong Police Boxing tournament at Volunteer Headquarters, 9 p.m.

May 1—Fourth annual athletic sports meeting of Cheung Chau Govt. (district) School, on the island football ground, 11.30 a.m.

May 2—Fourth annual athletic sports of the South China Athletic Association on H.K.F.C. ground, Happy Valley.

May 2—Fanning Hunt will meet at Lok-ma-chau cross roads at 10 a.m.

May 6—Hongkong inter-school athletic sports at the Hongkong Football Club Ground, Happy Valley, 1.45 p.m.

May 6-7—Royal Artillery Athletic meeting at U.S.R.C. ground, Kowloon, starting at 2 p.m. daily.

May 8—Annual athletic sports of the Victoria Recreation Club.

Company Meeting. May 18—Forty-fifth meeting of shareholders of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's offices, noon.

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May 3—At Lammert Bros. Sales Room, one seven-seater "Marmon" Motor Car, noon.

Miscellaneous.

April 29—Meeting of British merchants in the Ballroom of Government House to discuss best methods of combining maximum efficiency of the H.K.V.D. Corps with minimum interference with business requirements at 3.30 p.m.

April 30—May 6—Great Silk Sale at D. Chellaram's silk store, 38A, Queen's Road Central.

April 30—Annual meeting of Engineer's Institution in the Institution buildings, 6 p.m.

May 1—Opening of Hongkong Hotel New Restaurant, 16 Des Voeux Road, Central, with meals à la carte at all hours.

May 1—Hongkong Hotel Public Bar re-opens to-day.

May 5—Hongkong Benevolent Society holds Jumble sale.

May 7—Lt.-Col. W. A. Edmeades, D.S.O., R.A., and Officers Royal Artillery, Hongkong, will be at Home to friends from 3 to 6 p.m.

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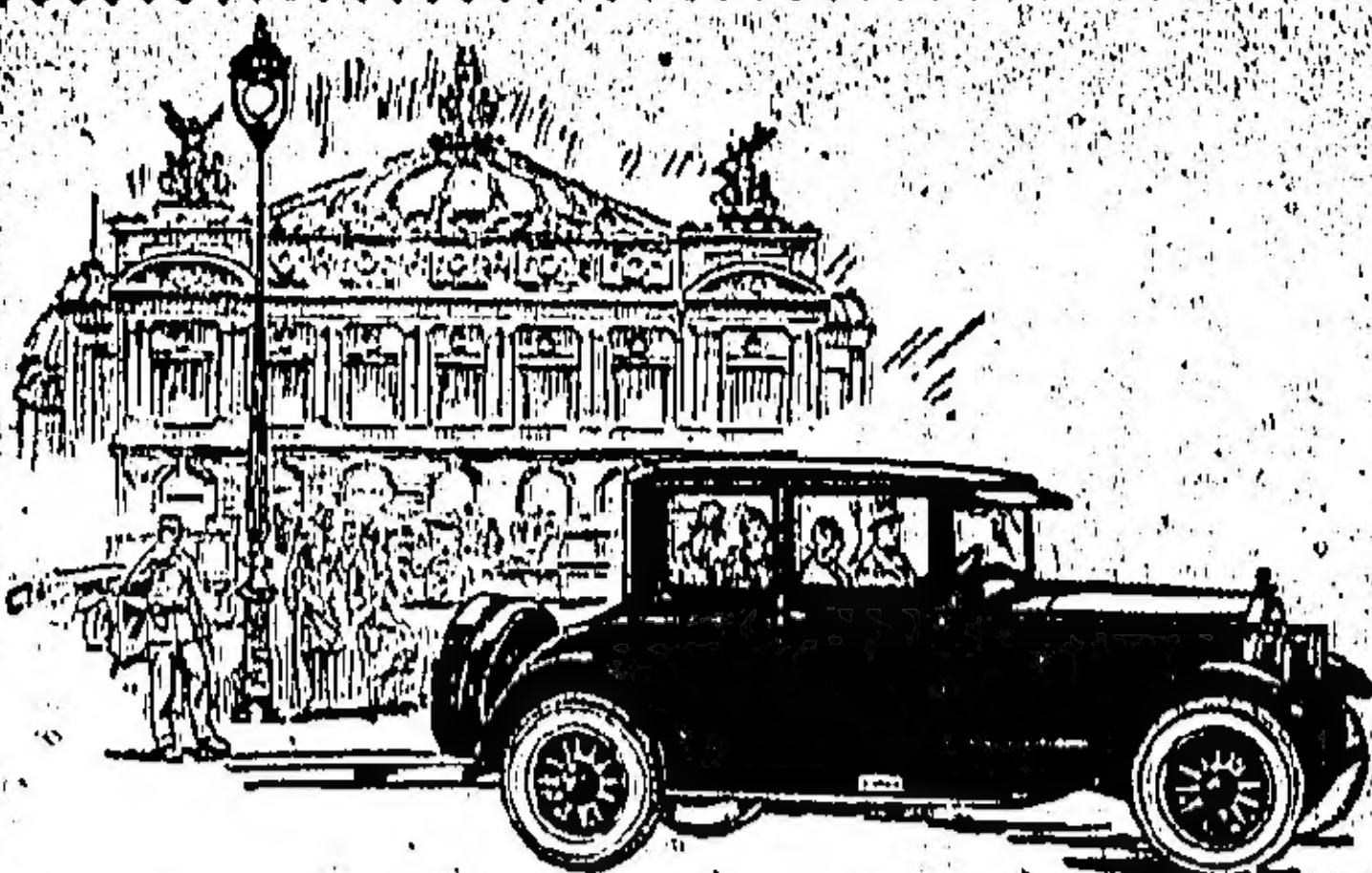
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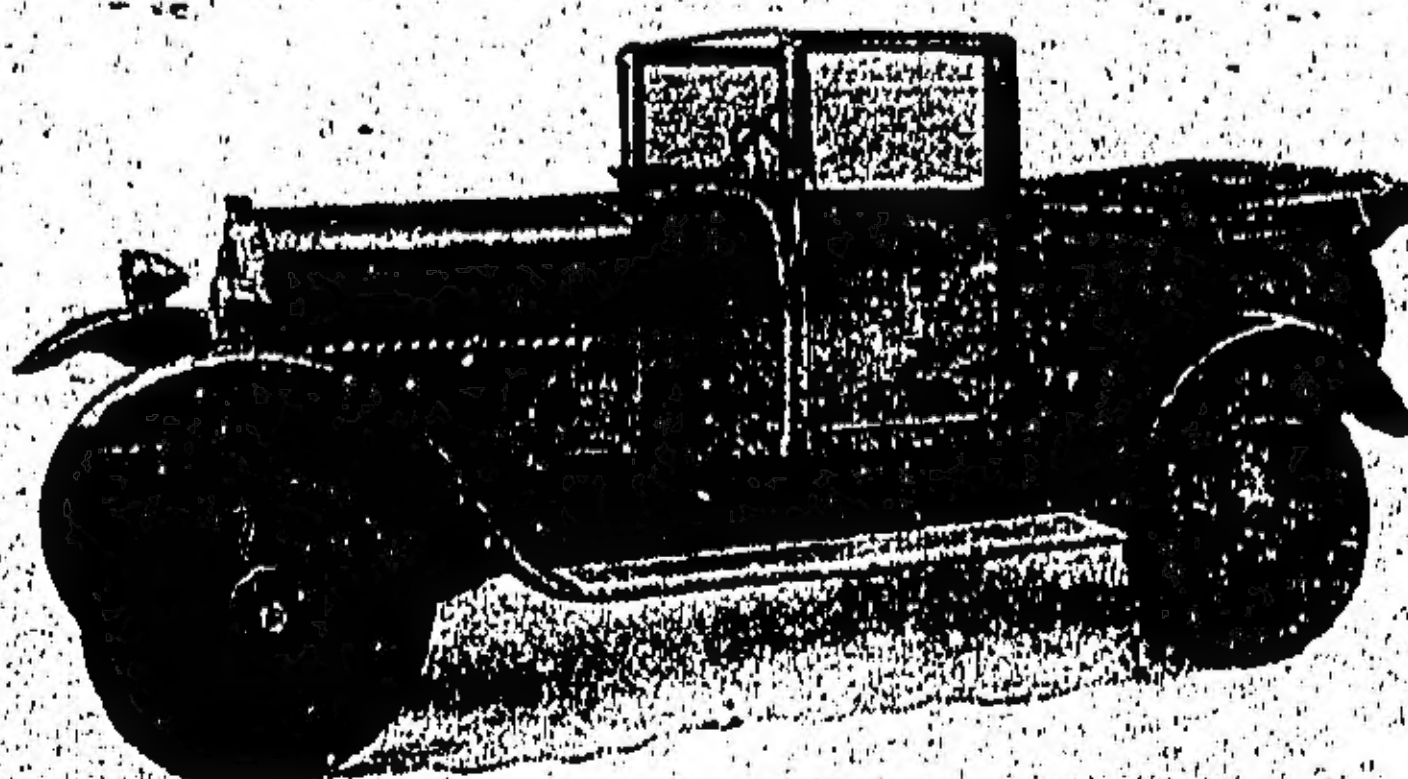
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LOCAL AND GENERAL

The Singapore A.D.C. are producing The Sorcerer.

On case of enteric fever and one of purpural fever were reported on Tuesday. Both the patients are Chinese.

A meeting of the Kuomintang (town members) was held at Kong-moon on April 20 to discuss various matters, says the "China Mail" correspondent at Rakkai.

The Government of Madras intend placing before the Legislative Council a proposal for a medical school for women, involving a cost of from 8½ to 9 lakhs of rupees.

At the meeting of the Committee of the Bangkok International Chamber of Commerce on April 8, Mr. W. Haffenden (Syme and Co.) was unanimously re-elected the Chairman of the Chamber. Mr. G. Kluzer and Mr. P. M. Lortas are the Vice-Chairman for the year.

Messrs. Alfred Holt and Co. and the British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd., have each sent donations of \$105 to the funds being collected for the development of the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, Trinidad. These donations, together with a sum of \$15,000 recently granted by the Imperial Government, will be devoted to the building of an hostel for the students, a 100-acre provision of an estate where the business side of farming may be taught.

A case of considerable interest to broking firms in the Straits Settlements and F.M.S. was heard before Mr. G. A. Herford in the District Court, Penang, last week, when Dr. P. C. Temple, Medical Officer, Teluk Anson, sued Arrol and Co. for \$500 as damages for alleged breach of a contract, dated November 17, 1925, to buy for his account 2,000 shares in the Temerloh Coconut and Rubber Estate Limited cum all dividends, and rights from the date of the contract. Plaintiff alleged that defendants failed to deliver to him at par the rights on the shares, the market price of which at the time of the alleged breach was \$1.500 thereby causing him a loss of \$500. Judgment was reserved.

Bangkok has been complaining of the heat. Last week the temperature rose to 92 deg. in the shade.

Successful experiments have been carried out on Ceylon tea estates with a view to solving the problem of the denudation of the soil.

Mr. K. Y. Doo, formerly principal of the Singapore Chinese High School, has been appointed principal of the Confucian School on Petaling Hill, Kuala Lumpur.

Notwithstanding assurances from the Philippine health service that the islands are free from cholera, reports from the provinces, both official and private, indicate that the epidemic is growing worse.

The seizure of a large quantity of literature dealing with Triad activities was mentioned at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when Det. Inspector. Pincott charged nine persons alleged to be concerned in organising a society at a house in Shamshuipo.

The annual report of the Singapore Y.M.C.A. shows an overdraft of \$7,748, but reports good progress in the educational, social, and athletic activities of the Association. The difficulties caused by the loss of six tennis courts and long stoppages at the swimming pool have been overcome, and the Association now have an excellent sports ground, tennis courts, and pavilion at Telok Ayer.

The strength of the British troops in Malaya, as presently fixed, shows little alteration according to the estimates for 1926-27. The Royal Artillery Heavy Company will number 261 of all ranks—the artillery must be increased as the naval base expands—a battalion of infantry, 861 of all ranks; company of Royal Engineers, 9 officers and 48 men; 2 company of the Hongkong Singapore Brigade, Royal Artillery, 120 of all ranks; and detachments of the Royal Army Service Corps, Royal Army Medical Corps, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, and other departmental troops, bringing the total up to 1,430 of all ranks and arms, as against 1,361 in the year about to close.

A group of Chinese business men have arrived in Tokyo and are to spend several days in Tokyo and in other cities of the Empire studying general business conditions and methods in Japan.

Commencing May 1st the rates for wireless messages to the river steamers "Lungshan," "Taishan," and "Kinsan" will be reduced from 50 cents per word to 15 cents per word with minimum charge of \$1.50.

The naval staff at Wei-hai-wei, consisting of six officials, receive in salaries the sum of £1,862 per annum; at Singapore the naval staff receives in salaries £5,714 for six persons, including the captain in charge who receives £1,385.

Fifteen hundred acres of timberland were levelled by a forest fire which broke out in Yakiyama village, Hiroshima prefecture, Japan. A naval fire brigade and villages fought for hours but were unable to check the blaze. No deaths were reported.

When summoned at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday for failing to repair a defective water pipe at the rear of his house, a Chinese landlord created a surprise by stating that he had already been fined \$10 on the summons last week. An adjournment was made for investigations to be made.

A Court of Inquiry is to sit at the local Marine Court at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 4, to investigate the circumstances attending the collision on April 13, between the Indo-China s.s. "Yat-shing" (now in Kowloon Dock) and the O.S.K. "Tacoma Maru" (now undergoing repairs at Shanghai).

Canton boycott pickets fired on a native craft in Canton River on Tuesday night, when passengers were proceeding to the "Lungshan" to sail for Hongkong. A Chinese accountant, who was returning to the Colony, after worshipping his ancestors' tomb "up-country," was wounded in the hand. He was rescued and his wound was dressed on board the steamboat.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. A. K. McDonnell's Dodge Roadster has been won by ticket No. 34.

The Rev. A. B. Champion, the one-time popular Selangor Chaplain, and at present Archdeacon of Surawak, is revisiting Selangor.

Former residents of Hongkong, in the persons of Mr. W. H. L. Warren and Mr. J. S. McCann have distinguished themselves in the Kobe A.D.C.'s production of "Pickles."

The home of Mr. W. D. Whittemore, manager of the Kobe branch of the International Banking Corporation was burgled on April 26, when a number of valuable rings belonging to Mrs. Whittemore were taken.

Mr. T. I. Brocklebank, who was planting in the Larut District, has been appointed Secretary of the Ipoh Gymkhana Club in succession to Mr. A. F. B. Livesey, who left Ipoh some weeks ago to take up a planting billet in Johore.

Mr. R. H. Wade, Commissioner of Customs, who recently passed through Shanghai on returning from leave, has been appointed to succeed Mr. William MacDonald as the Commissioner of Customs for Kweichow Territory.

Mme. Alexandra Kollantay, the only woman to head a diplomatic mission in a foreign capital, has been officially recalled as Soviet Minister to Norway. She will be succeeded by A. M. Makara, now counsellor of the Kome Embassy. It is said that Mme. Kollantay is being relieved at her own request, so that she may engage in social work among the Russian poor.

The many friends in Singapore of Mrs. C. H. Brown, nee Walker, sister of Lady Guillemard, will learn with regret of her recent bereavement, her husband, Mr. Cecil Haw Brown, M.A., having died from heart failure while out with the "Oakley" hounds, near Bedford. Mrs. Brown, who stayed for some time at Government House, Singapore, and made many friends here, was married two years ago. Her late husband was a master at Bedford College, and was a well-known sculptor. He exhibited regularly at the Royal Academy and designed several war memorials, including the memorial to officers and men of the Essex Corps, which memorial stands on the Thames Embankment.

The Rev. Keppel Garnier has been appointed by His Excellency the Governor to be an unofficial trustee of Penang Free School, vice the Hon. Mr. W. H. Thorne resigned.

Mr. Charles C. Reade, who underwent an operation in Singapore last month has returned to Kuala Lumpur in much better health. He has resumed duty as Government Town Planner.

Mr. John Naysmith, of the office staff of Dunlop Plantations, Ltd., is leaving Malacca at the end of this month to take up a planting appointment with Sungai Chum Rubber Estates, Ltd.

Mr. H. van Wittenburg, Secretary of the Aneta Press Bureau, Batavia, will be proceeding on leave about the middle of June next. Mr. J. Edgar, formerly agent of the Main Production Handel at Batavia, has been appointed a member of the management of the Bureau, as from the 15th instant.

The members of the Shanghai Customs Company gathered together at the Customs Club to wish their late O.C. Capt. A. J. Hope, and Mrs. Hope good-bye and good luck on their home leave. As the present O.C. Capt. Hendry was unavoidably absent, Lt. K. Ashdown presented a small token of esteem from the company. Capt. and Mrs. Hope left by the "Takusan Maru" for England.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Walter John Smith Key, civil engineer, of the Port Development Department, residing at No. 2A, Cambay Building, Kowloon, to Miss A. B. Macfarlane, assistant mistress, Education Department, residing at Kingsclere, Kowloon, and Mr. Francisco Maria Franco, of No. 7, Nanking Street, Kowloon, to Miss Celeste Julia Castro, of St. Joseph's Buildings.

The Rev. Shirley Hall Nichols, a Missionary in Japan since 1911, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in America, was consecrated Bishop of the Kioto diocese of Nippon on Ko Kwa, on Tuesday, April 13, in Holy Trinity Church, Kioto. The Rt. Rev. John McKinnon, D.D., of Tokyo was the consecrating bishop. He was assisted by Bishops Motoki, Hadden, and Balfour. The Bishop of Hamilton of Nagoya, Bishop of Osaka, Bishop of Kyoto, and the Bishop of Kobe were also present.

Mr. S. R. Waterlow, C.B.E., the new British Minister to the Siamese Court, left London, by the P. and O. s.s. "Mantua" on April 28 and is expected to arrive in Penang on May 19. From Penang he will take train to Bangkok. Mr. Greg, the previous Minister, has been transferred to Rumania in a similar capacity.

The marriage of the daughter of H. H. the Sultan of Perak, Yang Mulia Raja Fatimah, to Yang Mulia Tengku Abu Baker, son of H. H. the Sultan of Pahang, took place on April 25 and the ceremonies will last to June 2. The festivities will include a polo tournament, football matches, men's luncheon, a fish drive, a hockey match, water sports, and side shows. The invitation and programme are beautifully printed in black and yellow on white satin.

Mr. A. E. Smith, Kobe manager for Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., and Mrs. Smith sailed from Kobe on April 15, on the s.s. "Empress of Asia" for Hongkong. From Hongkong they left for England via Australia and Capetown. They expect to reach England in August and will not return to Japan until April, 1927. Mr. Smith was Chairman of the Board of directors of Kobe International Hospital. A farewell dinner was given at the Kobe Club in his honour.

A pretty Dutch wedding took place at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Singapore between M. F. J. van Nuenen, of the Singapore branch of the Vacuum Oil Co., and of Helmond, Holland, and Mlle J. O. E. M. Stevens, also of Helmond. The ceremony was performed by Father Ruudol, in the presence of the friends of the bride and bridegroom. The guests were afterwards entertained to a lunch at the bridegroom's residence in Gilead Road.

There have been a number of police changes in Kuala Lumpur recently. Mr. Kinder, A.C.F., Chief Police Officer's Office, has proceeded home on long leave. Mr. J. D. Riley, Inspector Railway Police, has been transferred to the central station as Chief Inspector. Inspector Poudhall has been transferred from Kuala Lumpur to the central station as Chief Inspector. Inspector Yeap Keman, attached to the central station, has been transferred to the District of Klang. Mr. Haines A.D.C. has taken over duties at the central station.

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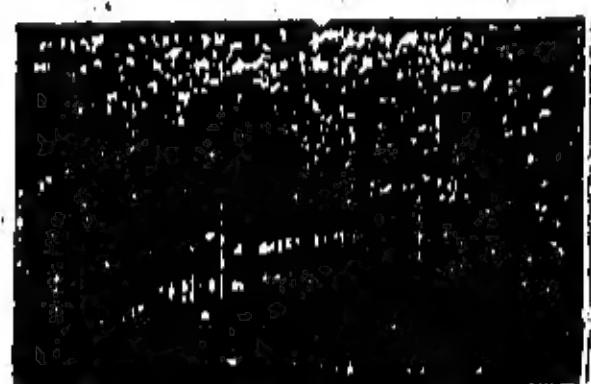


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Mrs. Doris Kresge, of New York, won a point in her suit for \$7,000,000 in stock which she alleged her husband, S. S. Kresge, a variety store magnate, promised her just before their marriage. Kresge was ordered to sign a testimony which he gave at a preliminary hearing.



Ernest Heitman, honoured as one of the heroic seamen who gave their lives during the s.s. "Roosevelt's" rescue of the s.s. "Antinea's" crew, popped up as a taxi-driver in New York the other day and announced that the man who was killed had found his lost seaman's papers and had adopted his name.



The Rev. J. M. Thompson, pastor of the Russell Sage Memorial Church at Rockaway, made several fruitless appeals to President Coolidge to commute the death sentence of his son, Lieutenant J. S. Thompson, convicted of killing his sweetheart in Manila.



EVANGELINE BOOTH

Miss Evangeline Booth, Commander of the Salvation Army, was declared much improved at Atlantic City where she was stricken with appendicitis.



MARY HEATH MCGRAW

Mary Heath McGraw, the former actress, is seeking to set aside as illegal the Rhode Island divorce which has cut her off from the widow's portion of the estate of her late millionaire husband.



MUMTAZ BEGUM

Mumtaz Begum, the pretty dancing girl, who after the sensational affair in Bombay, has now married a wealthy merchant at Amritsar, India.



MISS JUSTINE WISE

Miss Justine Wise, a daughter of Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, addressed a crowd of Passaic, textile strikers, urging them not to give up the fight.



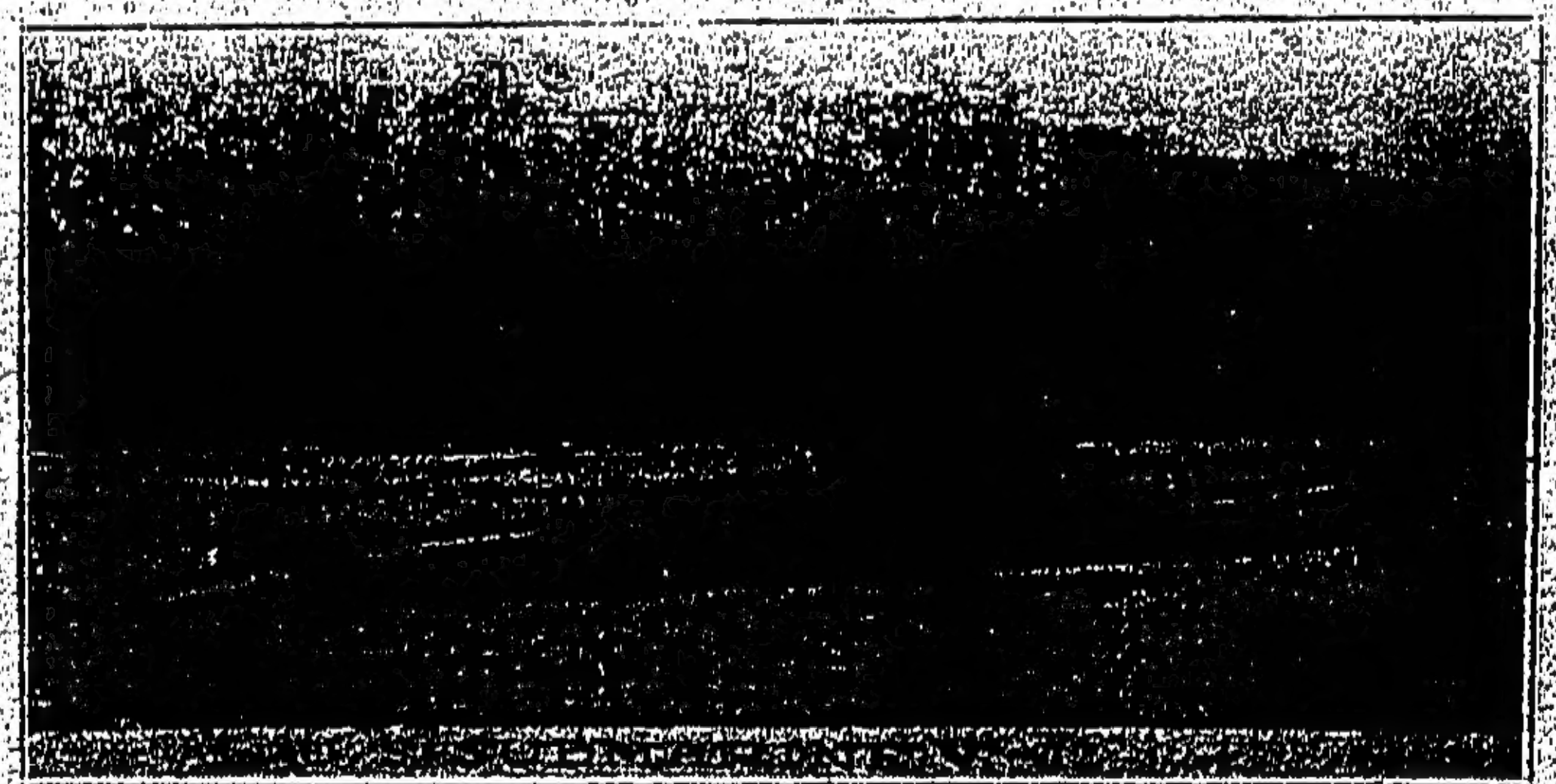
ANITA STEWART

Princess Miguel de Braganza renounced all allegiance to Austria and became plain Anita Stewart, an American child, when she obtained a divorce there.



PRINCE CAROL

The ten million dollar suit of Mrs. Zizi Lambrino against former Crown Prince Carol of Roumania, was declared to be a political action in order to assure his abdication of the throne.



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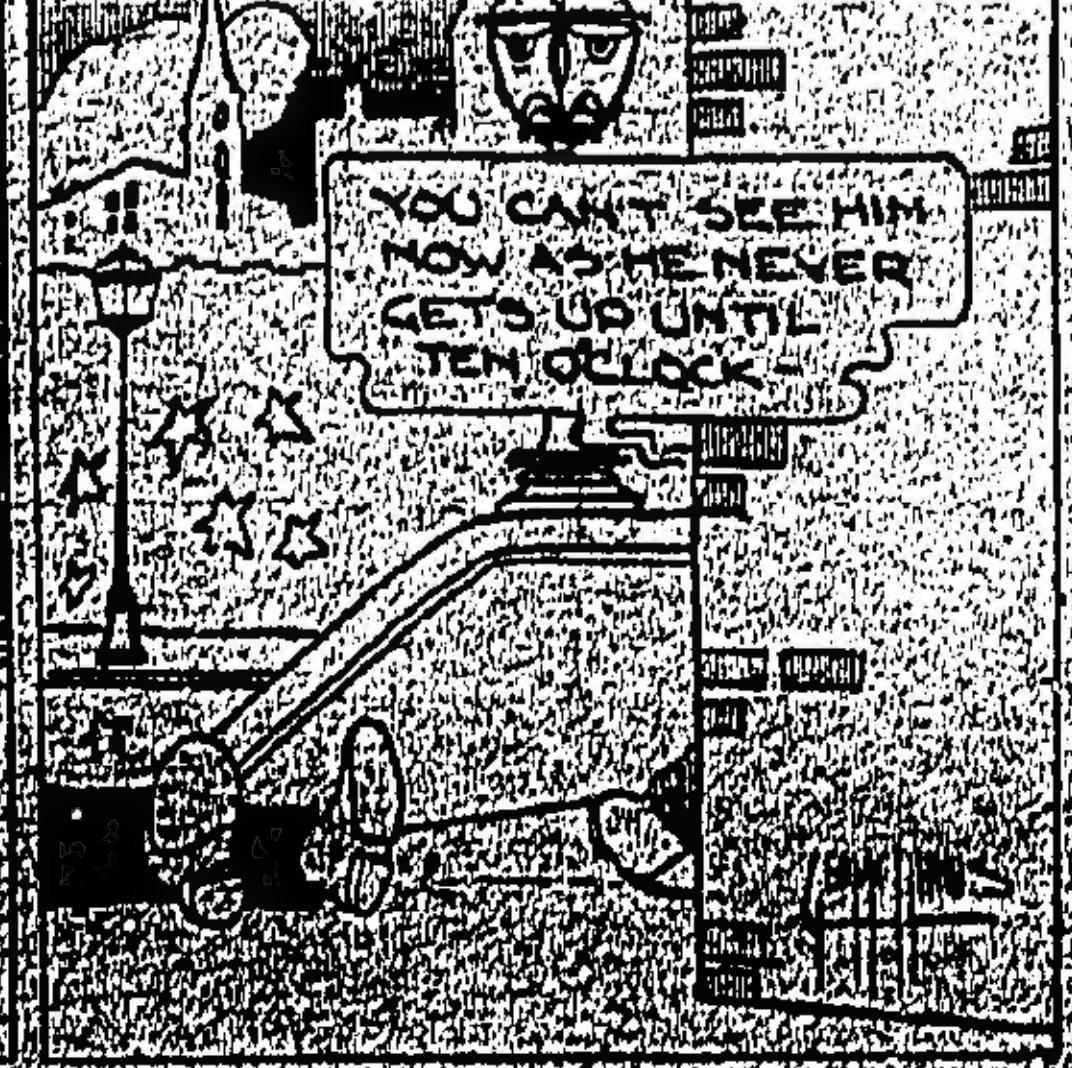
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DIVORCE SUIT. ALLEGATIONS OF SHANGHAI LADY.

The case in which Mrs. Emily D. Heath is suing for a divorce from Mr. N. McK. Heath, began on April 21 in the United States Court for China, Shanghai, before his Honour Judge Milton D. Purdy. Mr. F. J. Schuhl is appearing for Mrs. Heath. Mr. Heath is not contesting.

Mrs. Heath related the story of their family troubles and said that they were married on December 27, 1924, and that they lived together for about six weeks, staying at the Astor House. Mr. Heath was drunk a great deal of the time. After leaving her husband, she went to stay with some married friends in Rue Lafayette.

Plaintiff went to San Francisco in March, 1925, and returned to Shanghai in April, owing to an irregularity in her passport. Shortly after this, she said, Heath wrote to her mother and said that Mrs. Heath had tried to borrow money from some of his Chinese friends. "I never knew he had any Chinese friends," plaintiff declared.

On April 28, Mrs. Heath said, she again went to live with her husband, first at a boarding house, and later at a flat in Saichuen Road. They had to leave the boarding house because Heath came home one night and threatened to shoot one of the servants. Plaintiff again left respondent on November 12, after he had failed to come home for three days and nights.

"He was drunk constantly and always carried a loaded .45 pistol," she said. "Whenever he got drunk he wanted to kill me," Mrs. Heath said. Plaintiff, questioned by her Honour, said that nobody ever heard Mr. Heath make these threats as they were made, usually, about 8 in the morning when he came in drunk. He had tried on one occasion to choke her, Mrs. Heath said.

Another Trial.
Witness said that she and Heath again went back together in December, 1925, and took a trip to Manila. He kept three cases of liquor under his bed all the time. After returning from Manila (on January 10 of this year) they took rooms at the Plaza Hotel. He did not come home for three days and she asked her mother to come and stay with her. On the morning of the second day he came in about 8 o'clock, drunk.

"He asked for his pistol and I told him he could have it the next day," said Mrs. Heath. "He beat on the door and I finally opened it and told him where the pistol was. He came toward me with it and my mother took me to another room. We called the watchman. I left him the next morning."

Mrs. Heath said that all the time they were married she was working, and always paid for her own clothing. Referring to an incident on September 6, 1925, Mrs. Heath said that her husband came home about 3 o'clock in the morning and, when he found her at home, said that he would go downstairs and sign the motor-car hit. She accused him of having another woman in the car, put on her kimono and went



Senator William King, of Utah, who asked Secretary Mellon and Attorney-General Sargent for information relating to trusts and taxes in a resolution introduced in the U.S. Senate.

down. Another woman was in the car. Witness then went upstairs, put on her clothes and, together, they took the woman home. Both the woman and Heath were drunk, witness said.

"You surely were not very disturbed if you helped to take the woman home," said his Honour. "I thought that would be better than to allow him to go and stay with her," replied witness. Mrs. Heath said that the woman told her that she (the woman) was very blue that day and that Mr. Heath had cheered her.

A Flat on the Bund.
Mrs. Heath said that in February of this year Mr. Heath took an apartment on the Bund, for which he paid about £15, 350 a month rent. The same day she went to his apartment and asked him for \$100. She said that he was drunk and had two Russian girls in the room. Heath, witness said, had one of the girls on his lap asking her what school she went to. When witness came into the room, respondent went over to the automatic piano and played "Smiles."

While she was there the two Russian girls left and Heath told them not to forget the party that night in his apartment.

Mrs. Ebeles, plaintiff's mother, was then called and corroborated much of the testimony given by her daughter.

His Honour then asked Mr. Schuhl if he could get any other corroborative testimony, since all that had been raised thus far was by a relative. Mr. Schuhl answered that he had subpoenaed the landlady at the boarding house, but she refused to appear. Her nationality was questionable, but inquiries would be made, and an attempt made to get her in court.

His Honour also suggested that counsel for the plaintiff should get the landlady's two daughters, who were also mentioned in the testimony.

The case was adjourned at this point.—"N. C. D. News."

IS IT ROMAN?

ANCIENT METALLIC TIN SHEATH.

Very little information is available in our literature on the corrosion of metallic tin, although it is a metal generally known to be highly resistant to corrosion. It is known to have been used as a constituent of bronze since about the year 2500 B.C., but there are remarkably few specimens of ancient objects of metallic tin in our museums which are available for examination, although the metal was probably obtained as such about the year 200 B.C. Tin was probably used by the ancients for a much larger variety of objects than that represented by specimens still in existence, and the scarcity of these specimens is probably due to the fact that metallic tin, as we know it, is only stable at temperatures above 18 deg., and at lower temperatures it changes into another modification, the change being accompanied by expansion and disintegration.

The author has recently had the opportunity of examining a metallic tin sheath from the Shrewsbury Museum, which had previously been described as "bronze, but looks like lead." The specimen is recorded in Prebendary Auden's list in the "Victoria County History of Shropshire," vol. i, p. 202, as "Bronze scabbard-end, in Shrewsbury Museum, found at the foot of Caradoc." From information supplied to me by Miss Chitty, I learn that the specimen was found in a gutter in Roman Watling Street, Church Stretton, by the late Mr. John G. Dyke, about 1900. It was exhibited on May 15, 1924, at a meeting of the Royal Society of Antiquaries. It was thought to be of lead, and the consensus of opinion seemed to be that it was mediaeval, or possibly Roman, probably only a makeshift welded on to the broken point of a scabbard. The original, as received, was 7.8 cm. long and 4.2 cm. wide at the open end. The whole of the article was covered with an adherent corrosion product about 2.5 mm. thick, and the inner layer of remaining metal was 2 mm. thick. The analysis of the metal gave:—Tin, 99.98 per cent.; copper, traces. This shows remarkably pure metal, and its preservation during the ages must be due to a peculiar and happy set of conditions which ensured its never reaching a low enough temperature to allow of the disintegrating action of "tin-pest." (Prof. C. O. Bannister in "Engineering.")

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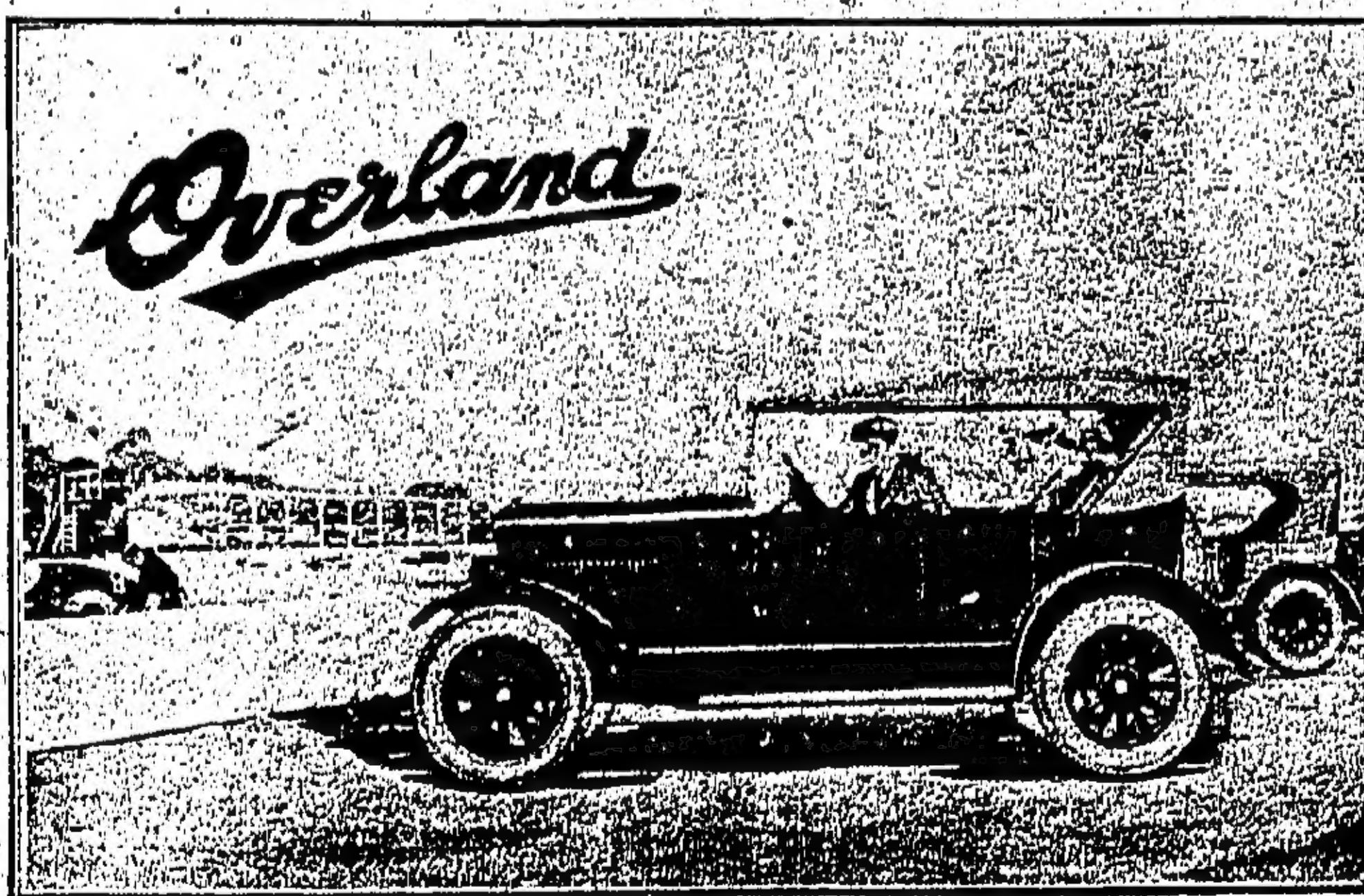
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